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For : METHOD FOR PREPARING NANOPARTICLES COMPRISING  
CERIUM OXIDE AND ZIRCONIUM

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE****FILED ELECTRONICALLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's comments in the Notice of Allowability dated August 21, 2008, applicants submit the following:

Applicants understand that the reasons for allowance to mean that the prior art, including but not limited to U.S. Patent No. 5,316,792 to Harry et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,945,575 to Sigwart et al., does not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the combination of features in the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,  
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